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VIA AIR
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DATE 29 June 1954

TO : Chief, WHD

FROM: Chief of Mission, Mexico City

SUBJECT { GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - Subject of HMM-W-1507

REFERENCE: HMM-W-1507, 18 June 1954

TKRW-975
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1. Subject is contacted by a member of this Mission about twice a
month usually on a semi-social basis. Subject is quite familiar with the
workings of [illegible] organization based on his experience in Panama, his frequent
visits there, and his contacts with this office during the past [illegible].
From time to time subject provides bits of information or opinions on local
affairs which he thinks may be of interest. Ways in which he could be of further
operational use have also been discussed with him in general terms. Subject
has provided his name for use in registering a station automobile and for
obtaining postoffice boxes.

2. Subject appears to be well versed in some of the operational methods
of the organization and has always expressed a willingness to assist in any
way possible. This might include acting as a cut-out, furnishing general
political and Communist information, setting up cover establishments, and the
development of informants in several fields. To date, no specific opening for
his services has been evolved but it is highly likely that such a spot will
appear in the future.

3. This Mission foresees no strong obstacle or reason against subject's
being contacted by KUJUMP again but feels that if subject had any informa-
tion of possible interest to this organization he would immediately contact
the writer. In addition, such a contact might possibly re-kindle subject's
previously expressed feeling that at times it appeared that "the left hand
didn't know what the right hand was doing". It is suggested that if KUJUMP
has any specific type of information in mind, questions indicating the line of
interest could be forwarded to this Mission and placed before subject for his
comment. If KUJUMP particularly desires to interview subject it is suggested
that this Mission be authorized to so inform subject so that the matter will
appear completely coordinated in subject's mind.

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4. This Mission appreciates the receipt of reference as an excellent example of such coordination.

Gordon M. Ryerson

Gordon M. Ryerson

GMR/crt

29 June 1954

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AIR HMM-W-1547

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: Chief of Mission, Mexico City

: Chief, WHD

- Operational
- Subject of TMM-W-775

REF: TMM-W-976

1. A representative of KUJUMP recently contacted subject, a U.S. manufacturers' representative, who lives in Mexico City. After KUJUMP made its standard explanation of KUBARK interests, the subject said that he felt that he should make it clear that he worked for KUBARK in Mexico. He qualified this statement by saying that his extensive background and experience in Mexico enabled him to set up meeting places and front offices as well as other cover projects for KUBARK, ODACID and ODENVY.

2. Subject seemed quite candid and KUJUMP had no reason to believe that he was not telling the truth. Subject doubted that he could give KUBARK a great deal of information which was not available through official agencies operating in Mexico. However, he seems to be generally knowledgeable on the situation there and KUJUMP feels that he might be a source of some interesting information if their contacting him would not interfere with arrangements which your Mission might have made with him.

3. Headquarters requests your comments regarding subject. Please advise as soon as possible, since KUJUMP would like to contact subject again when he returns to this country in July.

11 June 1954

J. C. KING
C/WH

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Chief, FI/Plans/Cover

11 May 1954

Chief, Contact Division, OO

Alfonso R. Wichtrich (HH-1265)

1. A representative of this Division recently contacted subject, a US manufacturers' representative, who lives in Mexico City. Wichtrich was visiting representatives of the Rehi Corporation which is one of his accounts in Mexico City. After our representative made his standard explanation of Agency interests, Wichtrich said that he felt that he should make it clear that he worked for the Agency in Mexico. He qualified this statement by saying that his extensive background and experience in Mexico enabled him to set up meeting places and "front" offices as well as other "cover" projects for this Agency, the State Department and the Bureau.

2. He seemed quite candid and our representative had no reason to believe that he was not telling the truth. Wichtrich doubted that he could give us a great deal of information which was not available through official agencies operating in Mexico. However, he seems to be generally knowledgeable on the situation there and we believe that he might be a source of some interesting information if our contacting him would not interfere with arrangements which the covert offices might have made with him.

3. We should appreciate your comments. If you prefer, we shall not see him again. On the other hand, if you have no objection, we should like to contact him when he returns to this country in July. Please advise.

E. M. ASHCRAFT

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DISPATCH NO. TMM-W-976

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TO :
DATE: 1 February 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, Mexico

SUBJECT: GENERAL. FDT
SPECIFIC. Operational
Subject of TMM-W-975

0 WICHTRICH, ALPHONSE R,

1. Subject was engaged by our field station, Panama, in October 1947 with the thought that he was qualified to organize a net directed against a target of high priority interest. His services were terminated in April 1949 when he took residence in Mexico for business reasons.

2. The Chief of Station, Panama, described this man as having great singleness of purpose which produces superior results in the field of his primary interest. But the experience in Panama revealed that the subject's primary interest - his business - was such that he gave little time to work as an agent.

3. The Subject organized an intelligence net for the U.S. Army in China during World War II and, therefore, understands covert operations. Despite his capabilities, proven reliability, and his expressed desire to be of service in Mexico, Headquarters does not recommend that the subject be engaged by field station, Mexico, unless there is unusual need for a man of his background.

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Wm. M. Wheeler
By W. L. Dean

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COORDINATING OFFICER

Wm. M. Wheeler
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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NO. RPA-690

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DISPATCH NO. TTP-A-690

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DATE: 16 January 1950

TO : Chief, Foreign Branch T

FROM : Chief of Station, Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Agents and Informants
SPECIFIC- Subject of TTP-A-689

The address of subject is:

Royal Crown, S. A.
Dante #4
Mexico, D. F.

Howard W. Antell
Howard W. Antell

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1. FDT	2014				
2. Rodriguez					[illegible]
3. Dean		25 Jan	25		3 & 4 Please discuss this disp. with [illegible] re a recommendation to [illegible]
4. Rastetter					Field Station Mexico
5. Reid					advised of Hydrol's
6.					recent arrival in
7.					Mexico. Dispatches written by [illegible] TMM-UI-975
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DATE: 16 January 1950

TO : Chief, Foreign Branch T

FROM : Chief of Station, Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Agents and Informants
SPECIFIC- HDRCL

The services of subject had been terminated prior to my arrival at this station and, in fact, subject has not been residing here since my arrival.

[illegible] was recently in Panama on a business trip and was introduced to me by HDRACID. In the course of the conversation, subject indicated a desire, after he becomes more settled in Mexico City, to have contact with our office there.

Since Headquarters and particularly Grover J. WARING are in a better position to judge subject and whether he might be of assistance to our station in Mexico City, no recommendation is being made.

The address of subject will follow in a separate dispatch.

Howard W. Antell

Howard W. Antell

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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch T

DATE: 4 November 1949

FROM : Chief of Station, Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Administrative
SPECIFIC- HYDROL

For the completion of Headquarters' records, advice is herewith furnished that subject's services are not being utilized by the Panama City station. This fact was made known to Headquarters under date of April 12, 1949 in TZP-A-454.

No further action is contemplated in connection with this project.

Bruce O. Sturgess

BOS:rtp

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Chief, Registry Division DATE: 15 June 1949

FROM Chief, FBT

SUBJECT: Hydrol
File No. 202-999

1. Subject file is transmitted herewith for retention in Registry. The project has been terminated.

2. Appropriate indexing has been completed.

3. Access to subject file must be cleared with the Chief of FBT.

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8 June 1949
Date ______________________

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS

SUBJECT: Authorization of Field Project Expenditures for Panama City, Panama.
(field installation)

1. This will inform you of the authorization of the following Field Projects and my approval of the expenditure of special funds for the following:

PROJECT	AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED		1949		TOTAL
Name or Symbol	1 July-30 Sep.	1 Oct-31 Dec.	1 Jan-31 Mar.	1 Apr-30 Jun	
HYDROL				Terminated 1 April 1949	

TOTAL

2. The project expenditures herewith [illegible] Panama City, Panama charged against the appropriate quarterly Operating Expenses of ______________________.

WM. M. WHEELER, JR.
Chief, Foreign Branch T

cc: FOFF

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TO : Acting Chief, [illegible]

DATE: 12 April 1949

FROM : Chief of Station, Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Agents and Informants
SPECIFIC - [illegible] - Operational Review

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

COUNTRY: [illegible]. PERIOD COVERED: October 1948 - March 1949.
[illegible]: [illegible].

1. Subject is no longer an active operative of this station. He was forced to discontinue his activities on our behalf because of the press of personal business. [illegible] is now in contact with [illegible] and [illegible] I has been taken over by [illegible].

2. During the period of his connection with this station, [illegible] failed to submit any informational report which in itself merited transmission to the Home Office. None of his operations were clean in the sense that a U.S. Government influence had to be introduced into the actual activation of each of his sources. This coupled with the fact that he lacked follow-through has given a slightly sour aspect to all of his operations. We intend to discontinue our connections with Subject.

Grover J. Waring
Grover J. Waring

25 Jan 1950
Were this man to apply for a staff position I would recommend that he be employed as he is a man of great singleness of purpose and gets [illegible] in ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] On the other hand this quality which would be an asset to a staff employee proved a drawback to his ability to perform [illegible] while engaged in [illegible] mission. I would not recommend him as an agent for another country unless they needed such a man very badly. [illegible]

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TZP-A-454

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Name check

Project terminated, April 1949

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6 January 1949

Memorandum for Chief, Special Funds

Hydrol $150 for second quarter 1949

Terminated

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ACCESSION NO. TZP-A-381

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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. Payton	2216		9/12	P.P.	Field informed by despatch on 9 Dec. that the project is not to be activated as requested here. Directed to allot $50.00 per month for Hydrol and an additional $50.00 for salary and expenses of his sub-agent.
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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

VIA: ______ DISPATCH NO. TZP-A-321
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TO : Acting Chief, FET DATE: 22 November, 1948

FROM : Chief of Station
Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Agents and Informants
SPECIFIC- HYDROL Operational Review and Project Report

Ref: FM No. 51
TZP - 151
TZP - A - 102
TZP - W - 321

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

COUNTRY: YAWNER PERIOD COVERED: 20 October, 1947 to present.

OBJECTIVES AND TASKS:

Subject's original assignment was the establishment of an intelligence net for the Republic of Panama with a view to developing information on our various YAWNER objectives. The assignment was too broad because subject is establishing a new business and has not had sufficient time to devote to our work. His activities were redirected along the lines of cultivation of specific individuals. His cultivation and recruitment of the informant HYDRACID was excellent. His handling of the subject of TZP-A-260 was excellent. His handling of HYDRAMANIAC has been unsatisfactory in that he has not spent sufficient time on the project. He states he will correct this deficiency. His latest assignment is the penetration of communist circles in the National University of Panama. He has recruited an excellent individual for this purpose who will be employed at a salary of one Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150.00) per month. This project is approximately one year old.

SALARY

To date subject has not received a salary, but has been compensated socially and by

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making purchases for him in the government commissaries. We plan to place him on a salary status in the future. When this is done we intend that his salary be One Hundred Dollars per month (100.00) per month. He no longer has cover in his activities as concerns the U. S. Army in this area. This is due to the fact that Gen. Sibert USARCarib attempted to recruit him as an army informant after subject had performed two week's active duty with Army Intelligence. To avoid refusing the General's request, subject informed him that he was processing his information through [illegible]. Since that date, army CIC men have called at subject's place of business inquiring for information. However, we seem to have his real loyalty and we are the ones who can provide him with funds to cultivate sub-agents.

EVALUATION OF SERVICES: As stated above subject has performed excellent services but has not devoted a great deal of time to our work. His interest has greatly increased since you permitted HYDROL to receive home office training. He has fairly good contacts and is capable of cultivating almost any one we might wish. His services should become more valuable in the immediate future.

EVALUATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED: To date subject's intelligence information has only been valuable as a supplement to other sources. His operational information has been excellent and is of real value. He is more interested in the operational side of our activities than in reporting.

OTHER FACTORS: This agent has been handled as outlined in TZP-151 subject to the modifications of increased social contacts necessitated by the fact that subject's wife is interested in the social advantages to be gained from her husband's activities.

COMMENTS: We plan to continue using this agent to cultivate other potential agent personnel. His primary continuous project will now be the penetration of communist activities in the National University of Panama. We may rearrange the relationship between HYDROL,

HYDRACID and [illegible] in view of HYDRACID's current schooling. This project is still in the development or probationary stage in that HYDROL's background is such that he regards the sky as the limit in the expenditure of Intelligence funds and is inclined to commit himself financially without real assurance that we will receive full value for the funds expended. Realizing that time is an important factor in the development of high level operations we hope this will prove to be the most efficient expenditure of our funds. If not we will convert the funds to other projects. As a matter of operational organization we feel our ultimate objective in this area should be to ferret out and operate with a minimum number of skilled American resident agents. Offsetting the criticism mentioned above are the facts that subject is a man of real integrity and definitely a high level operative.

REQUEST: It is requested that Project HYDROL be approved to permit an expenditure of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00) per quarter.

Grover J. Waring

Grover J. Waring

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Interview with Alfonso Rudolf Wichtrich by Paul P. Paxton

1. On 17 November 1948, the subject called at Que Building and was interviewed by Paul P. Paxton. He had been advised to pay his respects to Harry A. Real by the Chief of Station, Panama City. The subject was to learn what the procedure would be if he wished to offer his services with CIA at a future date. At the present time he is managing the Royal Crown Bottling Works in Panama City and is negotiating for a franchise to distribute a milk product in that area. His primary purpose in coming to the United States at this time was to make arrangements for this latter business venture. The subject has been aiding the Chief of Station in Panama for the past year in a manner that has been extremely helpful to our operations. During the war he was a Lt. Col. in United States Army Intelligence serving for a considerable time in China in an undercover capacity. He gives evidence of being very well versed in intelligence matters and shows keen appreciation for security matters.

2. He stated that within six or eight months his private business affairs in Panama would be developed to the point where he could accept a position with this Agency in a full-time capacity. He evidenced interest in either the Latin American area or in the Far East, preferably China. I made no commitments as far as future employment is concerned but I did suggest that you visit this headquarters on his next visit to the United States providing he is in a position to accept full-time employment. I recommend that his application be given serious consideration in the light of his past intelligence experience and by virtue of his valuable assistance to our operations in Panama.

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DISPATCH NO. TZP-151

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TO : Acting Chief, FBT

DATE: 9 July 1948

FROM : Chief of Station
Panama City, Panama

SUBJECT: GENERAL Agents and Informants
SPECIFIC Operational Data - HYDROL

Ref - TZP-A-102, WASH/F 8786 and PACY 188

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

1. HYDROL.

2. Subject's background has been with the U. S. Army in China, where he organized a complete intelligence net. He is an organizer and planner and best qualified for the supervision of intelligence nets and informants, and intelligence operations in general.

3. He is a very personable individual and has the facility for getting along with Latins. He is very well accepted even though he has been here only a little over a year.

4. In Latin America because of his knowledge of Spanish. He is also well qualified to operate in the China Theater in view of his past experiences, although he has no knowledge of the language.

5. Subject makes frequent business trips to Mexico.

6. Subject has discussed plans for expanding his business into South America.

7. Subject has five people working for him. (a) HYDRACID; HYDRAMATIC; and the subject of TZP-A-269. He has also cultivated two unwitting informants, one of whom is a fairly prominent Arnulfista and the other is a socially prominent Panamanian and businessman on whom we will submit biographical data at a future date. (b) None of the people are paid. The subject of TZP-A-269 has been informed that we will defray any expenses which he may have incidental to our operations. HYDRACID has expressed a desire to have a savings or retirment fund opened for him in the United States. This we have agreed to do and estimate that the cost will be about $100 to $150 per month.

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8. No.

9. In view of the fact that subject contacted the Home Office prior to his departure from the United States, he is thoroughly cognizant of the ultimate destination of his information.

10. Yes. In view of HYDROL's experience in the intelligence field he has been given the assignment of supervising and controlling the activities of HYDRACID who has an excellent knowledge of the local situation but lacks experience as an intelligence operative. This also serves to maintain HYDRACID's cover.

11. Through letter drop. In addition frequent personal contacts take place between HYDROL and the Chief of Station. These are usually at night at the homes of the individuals concerned. Cover is provided in that the Chief of Station and HYDROL both have children attending the same school and the wives are acquainted socially.

12. Subject usually reports orally, accompanying his oral reports with brief notes. He is training the subject of TZP-A-269 and HYDRACID to report in writing.

13. During the 1½ years subject has been in Panama, he has been principally concerned with establishing his own business. He has devoted only a small percentage of his time to our work to date, however, since he is now better established and better oriented, it is contemplated that he will become more active.

14. Contract with subject is oral. A written contract will be prepared at the time he is placed on our payroll.

15. Yes. He is attempting a high-level penetration of the Partido del Pueblo. At the present time, a foreign national who has been approached by HYDRACID is attempting to buy one of the Directors of the Partido del Pueblo.

16. Subject is quite capable of using his own judgment on the sort of work he is to do. Since his time has been limited in the past, he has confined his activities to projects specifically requested by this Station.

PAYMENT

17. Subject is a volunteer informant who is rewarded for his services by the occasional presentation of exchange commodities. Since subject does not have U. S. Government Commissary privileges, purchases on his behalf are made by the Station. This results in approximately 60% reduction in the cost of necessities purchased in this manner.

18. Yes. Salary arrangements have been discussed between HYDROL and the Chief of Station. We both agree that no salary should be paid until such time as he becomes more productive. It is contemplated that when we actually

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start payment the figure will be something less than $150.00 a month and it will probably be placed into some sort of a savings account. This plan may be placed into effect at any time.

19. Subject has been informed that we will defray all expenses incurred by him on our behalf.

20. No cost of purchase of information is involved but he is authorized to engage in this practice.

EVALUATION OF SUBJECT'S WORK

21. Subject appears to be a highly dependent individual. (a) The accuracy of his reports have been good. (b) From a security angle he is excellent.

22. In view of subject's previous intelligence background, it is believed he is only suitable for semi-covert work.

23. Subject is unquestionably a high-level operative and quite possibly might penetrate any of the local social or government circles, but again his background from China is such that it would probably be impossible for him to accomplish a penetration of any leftist organizations or foreign intelligence agencies.

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WICHTRICH, Alfonso Rudolph

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FBT

DATE: December 23, 1947

FROM : CSB

SUBJECT: WICHTRICH, Alfonso R.

Reference is made to your memorandum of October 31, 1947, wherein you request that this office conduct a four way name check relative to the above-entitled subject.

This is to advise that a four way check was instituted concerning the subject, with the following results:

L-5 Nothing identifiable
L-3 No record
L-1 Nothing derogatory.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a report obtained from the files of Confidential Government Agency L-2; it is requested that this report be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

The above completes our action in this matter unless advised to the contrary.

Robert H. Cunningham
ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM
Chief, Security Branch, OSO

1 Incl.
L-2 Report

Info sent to field on 26 December 1947. R.R.

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WICHTRICH, Alfonso Rudolph 4 December 1947

On December 3, 1947 the investigative files of Confidential Government Agency (L-2) were examined and disclosed the following:

Included in the file is an investigative report dated June 25, 1943 regarding one Captain Al. R. Wichtrich, Army Serial Number 0377220, which revealed no adverse information regarding Subject. It was mentioned, however, by four informants that Subject's father was suspected of having pro-German leanings during World War #1, but these suspicions were not verified by the informants. Persons interviewed vouched for Subject's father's loyalty at the time of the investigation.

It was noted that Subject's Personal History Statement dated February 16, 1943 indicates that he was born on October 30, 1915 at Willcox, Arizona. The investigation verified the fact, however, that Subject was born in Chihuahua, Mexico on October 30, 1915.

In a casual conversation with another officer, Subject volunteered the following information with respect to records of his birthplace. Subject stated that he had no birth certificate and had moved from Chihuahua Mexico to El Paso, Texas, with his parents, when he was one or two years of age. Subject stated that he had never inquired about, nor realized that he was born in Chihuahua until he was in high school, having previously presumed that he was born in the locale in which his childhood was spent, Viz; Willcox, Arizona.

Subject stated further that he gave his birthplace as Willmox, Arizona on his application for enlistment in ROTC to eliminate conflict with any previous records which would then require a lot of "red tape" in making what he considered then a minor discrepancy of no consequence, inasmuch as his father's naturalization automatically made him (Subject) a citizen of the United States.

It was the opinion of the officer making the above report on Subject's birthplace, that any conflicting records of Subject's birthplace was not due to any motives of subterfuge, but was most probably due to Subject's desire to expedite his entrance into college without encountering

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the difficulties of time required and uncertainty of results in procuring certain papers which might be required if Subject were to indicate Chihuahua, Mexico, as his birthplace.

The file indicates further that records of the Superior Court, County of Cochise, Bisbee, Arizona, disclose that Subject's father, Gustave Wichtrich, was naturalized at Tombstone, Arizona, September 15, 1923; Certificate Number 1733933; Port of Entry, El Paso Texas, June 19, 1916. On his petition for naturalization, Subject's father gave as one of his several sons, Alfonso Wichtrich who was born at Chihuahua, Mexico, on October 30, 1915. Subject's family was residing at Willcox, Arizona, on May 15, 1922. Subject's father was born in Germany.

The above-mentioned Personal History Statement indicates that Subject's mother is Fermina Esparza Wichtrich who was born in Mexico of Spanish National origin. As of February 16, 1943, her application for U. S. citizenship was in process.

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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
1. CIC	221 Adm.		28/11		① Re par 4 basic file, no derogatory information is contained in MID files on this individual. The files are not made available to this office, but were searched by responsible individual in ID.
2.					
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4. Paxton FDA			26/12	P.P.	
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5 November 1947

TO: Chief, Liaison Control
Att: Mr. Gaynor

FROM: Chief, Foreign Branch T — for R. G. Ladig

SUBJECT: Alfonso Rudolph WICHTRICH

Your attention is directed to paragraph 4 of the attached dispatch which mentions a document in the hands of the Military Intelligence Division of the Department of the Army. This office would like to obtain the information contained in this document and is forwarding this request for the appropriate action you deem necessary.

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OFFICIAL DISPATCH

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Classification

Dispatch No. TZP-19-102

VIA: Air

Date 20 October 1947

TO : FBT

FROM : TZP

SUBJECT: General -- Operations

Specific -- Alfonso Rudolph WICHTRICH
alias Al WICHTRICH

1. Subject is a United States citizen born 30 September 1915 in Mexico. He is a Catholic and the owner of a house located near Radio Station HOX in Golf Heights, R. de P. which he purchased from Jack Fidanque. His business partner in the Pan American Industries Co. Inc. is George M. ARIAS, who is Secretary and Manager of the company. Other key men are Enrique Lefevre, Vice-President; and Amadeo Lupi, Treasurer. He speaks fluent Spanish and appears to be getting along very well with the more influential Panamanians. The telephone number of the Pan American Industries Co. Inc. chartered for bottling Royal Crown Cola where WICHTRICH has his office is Panama 3490-A, located at Calle 30 y Justo Arosemena. His office hours are 0900 to 1200 and 1430 to 1730. His post office address is Box 1121 Ancon, Canal Zone. It is believed he was decorated by the Koumentang Government for his service in China.

2. His wife is Rachel E. WICHTRICH also a U. S. citizen. She was born 13 February 1917 in Avoca, Texas. She is the bearer of U. S. passport #146432. Her brother is believed to be employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. WICHTRICH is the father of two children, a girl approximately age 7 and a boy of about 4. He is planning a business trip to Mexico City, Mexico on 2 November 1947. He will be accompanied by his wife and remain in Mexico until 15 November at which time he will return to Panama.

4. Subject states there is a complete file concerning him in the hands of the Military Intelligence Division of the Department of the Army. It would be appreciated if you would obtain their file and forward all pertinent information to this station.

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FROM: 30 Oct 47

ACCESSION NO: TZP. A-102

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1. FBT	2211	30/10			
2. Caxton			30/10	T.P.	Carbon copy furnish Security
3. ~~[illegible]~~					Results of check sent to [illegible] 26 Dec. 1947 Nothing derogatory.
4.					
5.					30/10
6. Geary					4-way name check requested. BG
7.					
8.					C Q[illegible].
9.					4-way name check attached BG.
10.					
11.					
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Dispatch No. TZP-A-142

VIA: Air

Date 20 October 1947

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TO : FBI

FROM : TZP

SUBJECT: General -- Operations

Specific -- Alfonso Rudolph WICHTRICH
alias Al WICHTRICH

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Date Rec'd SA ....

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1. PPS	103				
2.					Request that subject be called in for interview with Mr. Leddy.
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Interviewer's Report

SOURCE: ___ Field ___ Casual ✓

Referred by ___________

DATE: 8 Nov 46 RECOMMENDED FOR BRANCH: _______ CONTROL NO: _______

1. NAME: WICHTRICH (last) AL (First) R (middle) GRADE: _______ BRANCH: _______

2. SERIAL NUMBER: _______ ORGANIZATION: _______ DATE OF BIRTH: _______

3. ADDRESS: _______ (Business or Military) Tel. No.: _______

4. 3444 GUNSTON RD ALEX VA (Home) Tel. No.: AL 8357

4. CITIZENSHIP: (how acquired) ~~U.S. Parents in~~ Born in Mexico - naturalized by parents' naturalization in 19?? RELIGION:

5. EDUCATION: (schools, degrees, dates, majors, grades, extra curricular activities)
AB - 1939 - UNI. OF ARIZ - Range ecology, animal husbandry

6. LANGUAGES: (degree of fluency, how acquired)
SPANISH - FLUENT

7. FOREIGN EXPERIENCE: (extent, purpose)
CHINA - 2 YRS WITH MIS-X. CPYU BRANCH, MIS, WDG-2

8. PRINCIPLE CIVILIAN EXPERIENCE: (main occupation, special skills, accomplishments, elective offices)
RANGE ECOLOGIST - DEPT OF AGR. —

NOW MEMBER OF FIRM ESTABLISHING BOTTLING PLANTS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

9. MILITARY EXPERIENCE: (principal duties, service schools, physical profile, If Officer: Manner of performance rating; If EM: AGCT score, Spec Nos, degree of Skills, MOS and MCO Nos, and titles)
Entered Army, Jan 41 - MAR 46. - LT. COL.
SERVED AT FT. RILEY - CRTC
COMPLETED G-2 COURSE AT LEAVENWORTH. PLUS MIS-X COURSE IN WASHINGTON.

10. ANY UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES: (civil or military)

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11. REMARKS: (any additional pertinent information)

Not personally interested in a spot- but he and other officials of the corporation (ex-officio) are interested in being of any assistance they can.

12. CLEARED AS AVAILABLE BY:

13. SERVICE RECORD CHECKED: Form 66-1 Form 20

14. RATINGS:

Motivation - Energy, effort, initiative, interest in assignment.	
Practical Intelligence - Judgment decisiveness, alertness, perception.	
Stability - Emotional control and maturity, absence of nervous symptoms.	
Ability to work with Others - Tact, absence of annoying traits.	
Leadership - Organizing ability, ability to win cooperation.	
Physical Ability - Appearance, presence, vigor, stamina.	

[signature]

(Interviewer's Signature) (Rank and Br. of Service) (CIG Branch)

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August 30, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Lightsey

Subject: Lt. Colonel Al R. Wichtrich (Inactive)

Some months ago, Lt. Colonel Al R. Wichtrich, 3444 Gunster Road, Alexandria, was recommended to me as a possible candidate for service in China.

During the war he headed up the AGAS in China for G-2.

He was recommended to me by Colonel Edward R. Johnston formerly of G-2.

KINGMAN DOUGLASS
"B" Deputy
Office of Special Operations

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Byron C. Sarvis
Chief, Procurement Section

DATE: 6 September 1946

FROM : Personnel Officer, CIG

SUBJECT: Memorandum re - Lt. Col. Al R. Wichtrich (Inactive)

The attached memorandum of 30 August 1946 from Kingman Douglass, with regard to Colonel Wichtrich, is referred to you for consideration.

Since it would appear that Colonel Wichtrich would be of more value to S.O., it is forwarded for consideration by officials in that Branch.

This correspondence has been recorded in the Central Records of CIG and I should be advised if you desire to retain it in your files.

Judson H. Lightsey
JUDSON H. LIGHTSEY
Personnel Officer, CIG

Attachment

cc: Central Records, CIG (2)

Mrs. Waller -

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5 November 1946

Lt. Col. Al R. Wichtrich (Inactive)
3444 Gunster Road,
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Your name has been referred to us by Colonel Edward R Johnston as a person who might be interested in a possible assignment with this organization.

Although we are not presently engaged in a general recruiting program, we are always interested in specially qualified personnel.

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of employment with this organization, it is requested that you call at this office for interview. We are located at the South Building, 2430 E St. N.W.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BYRON C. SARVIS Chief,
Personnel Procurement Section
Project Support Division

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